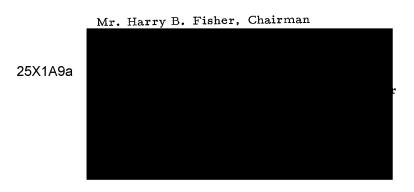
. . . The 168th meeting of the CIA RETIREMENT BOARD convened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11 November 1971, with the following present:



... The Board approved the Minutes of 7 October 1971 as presented ...

MR. FISHER: It's a fairly short agenda today - other than a couple of add-ons that I do have. Let me just for a minute say I really wasn't thinking very clearly when I got Murray on the phone to get you all here on Monday. If I had realized our meeting was today we could have taken care of this now. I'm just a little itchy on this want to have Chick here. He now wants to appear before the Board. As a matter of fact, he wanted to bring his doctor with him and I persuaded him not to - certainly not at the outset - and he has written statements from his doctor.

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I thought maybe it would be a good idea to get Dr. Tietjen up and get the Medical Board's opinion on this whole case, which might make it a little more clear just what Chick's talking about when Chick finally comes up. So, that was the reason for this special meeting -- to just hear out Dr. Tietjen who couldn't make it today. Let's have Dr. Tietjen before comes.

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Will Dr. Tietjen be present at the meeting en Monday?

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MR. FISHER: No. I'm afraid that this thing might be kind of productive.

Well, I guess you've got

Obviously he hasn't added

anything new or different. I want you to know that this letter going to him is about the first that the Board has done. In other words, the regulations have long said that when the Board was about prepared to make an adverse decision, we would advise the person concerned. That's being rewritten to get it out of there because there are just too many appeal steps now. But since that is the way the regulations are written now, and as he seems to be very legalistic, we thought we just better go by the book and give him his opportunity to be heard by the Board. So, we are going right by the numbers.

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I'm a little concerned in terms of how we handle it from here. I guess we should let Dick sort of work it out. In other words, we could then go back to him on this, in which case he gets an opportunity to appeal this decision to the Director and we still have pending his retirement, which will be another action which may have to go to the Director, and give him the opportunity to appeal that. I was hopeful that maybe somehow I could combine both. It might be better to just take it one step at a time.

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I think he is going to be here two or three more months.

MR. FISHER: Yes, I'm afraid that is what's going to happen.

I don't really think there is too much to talk about is there? He hasn't added anything new to what we have already carefully decided.

Now, in case there was any question in anyone's mind, this thing started in 1966 with a memorandum forwarded to the Subject informing him of non-eligibility of designation as a participant. Then, Security was holding

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up four requests for employees to be considered, including
for participation in CIARDS pending the outcome of sort of a test case. In
August of 1966 he initialed a copy of a memorandum which advised him he
would be expected to retire in September, 1971, at age 62. As late as November,
1968, we had an Office of Security memorandum which recommended that action
be taken on the designation of Subject for participation in CIARDS.

Between November and March of 1969 there was a handwritten note on this 1 November 1968 memorandum which said that the Subject had seen the Retirement people and did not wish his request processed. And I feel this is important to get into the record because he seemed to take overt action to keep his request to be put in CIARDS from being surfaced because he recognized that he would then have to go out at age 60. Then, beginning

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in 1971 --

had talks with Frank

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Prior to that first memorandum in August he

MR. FISHER: Oh, sure. From then on we really got into the question of CIARDS and his retirement. I won't go into all that. (See attached.)

Again, for the record I wanted to document -- while we do not feel he is entitled to be designated on the basis of domestic qualifying service, we also have the over-riding consideration that he's past age 60 and there seems to be no extenuating circumstances for putting him in now. I think we are ready for a motion on this - a motion that says we reviewed his appeal and see no basis for changing our tentative conclusion.

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Recommend approval.

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

MR. FISHER: Unanimously carried and approved.

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If he carries on with this will that be an IG case or a

court case?

MR. FISHER: I'm sure he will take it -- he will appeal it. He has ten days.

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He so far hasn't talked about retiring at all.

MR. FISHER: No, but he seems to feel that regardless of when he retires, by God it's going to be under CIARDS! On the other hand, if he goes to court - and I certainly don't know whether he will or he won't although he said he's going to fight this to the very end to get into the CIA System, which would be his weakest case, or to fight the retirement system.

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Or, not to retire since he's in Civil Service. He hasn't brought that up has he?

MR. FISHER: Yes, he has brought that up.

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When he hires the legal people, what he has earned so far in staying until age 62 - he will lose it all to the attorney. Someone's got to make some money out of this. He won't.

MR. FISHER: Well, he may be accomplishing part of what he wanted because he is certainly extending a few more months of his time.

Well, now we have four employees who have now completed 15 years and appear to meet the criteria for designation. I must admit I was a little surprised to see on here, and apparently he was shy a few days and waited until he had his TDY and now he has it.

May I have a motion on those?

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

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And then we have 13 employees who are past the five

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MR. FISHER:

year mark and have met the necessary criteria for designation as participants. 25X1A9a Move they be approved. . . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . . We have two applications for voluntary retirement, MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a both of whom meet the necessary age, Federal service and Agency service requirements, and have more than enough qualifying 25X1A service. I would like a motion on these two, gentlemen. ment is effective 31 December, is 30 June. 25X1A Last 30 June? 25X1A9a No, 30 June 1972. He's way in advance. MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a I have four additional names to add. You have four more voluntary? MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a for 30 November. Yes. 25X1A9a She is 51 years of age, has 27 years of Federal service, 11 years of Agency service, and has 60 months of qualifying service. for 31 December 1971, who is 56 years of age, 25X1A9a Also, has 36 years of Federal service, 24 years of Agency service, and has 64 months of qualifying service. 25X1A9a for 31 December 1971, who is 53 years of age, has 22 years of Federal service and 22 years of Agency service, and has 95 months of qualifying service. for • 7 January 1972, who is 59 years of age, 25X1A9a And last, has 29 years of Federal service, 24 years of Agency service, and has 91 months of qualifying service.

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MR. FISHER: Those Career Agents get me because they don't help our ceiling any. (Laughter.)

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Do they count against your number?

MR. FISHER: Quota? Yes. You get it one way and don't get it the other.

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I recommend approval.

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This motion was then and passed . . .

MR. FISHER: We have at least one involuntary, who is going out under CIARDS at age 47 with 25 years of service.

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I have one more to add -

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for 31 December 1971, who is 45 years of age, has 25 years of Federal service, 17 years of Agency service, and 110-plus months of qualifying service.

MR. FISHER: Do we have a motion?

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

MR. FISHER: Well, we are moving right along. I added up here, projecting what's already in Murray's document here -- we would have 92 retirements under CIARDS alone, so we may do alright before we are through here.

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Now, we have age 44, 15th anniversary review. He has 59 months and 20 days. He is out on a tour. I certainly see no problem in deferring action on this and asking Murray to take a look for about February 10th, and at which time he should be fully qualified, which will really be only a couple of weeks past his 15th anniversay date. We all agree?

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

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MR. FISHER: Next, we have age 37, and he shies seven months at his 15th anniversary review. I don't see much choice but to follow recommendation that he be transferred out at this time.

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MR. FISHER: And then we move on to DDI/
CRS, Intell Assistant. She is looking for a one-year extension from April,
1972, to April 1973. This apparently was a rather recent change on her part.
I'm sure you all noted that in February, 1971, she was down in Retirement
Affairs and indicated that her planning was for April 1972, retirement. It
struck me as not a very good set of compassionate reasons and she will have
29 years of service. I don't really see much basis for it. Robert, do you
have any --

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No, we didn't either.

MR. FISHER: I assume we have no objections?

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: If she leaves in April her lump sum won't hurt her that much. I don't see any basis for extending it.

MR. FISHER: Nor, I. Okay, motion made that her request be disapproved.

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

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MR. FISHER: The next case is DDS, Office of Finance. She was 62 this past July, 1971. She appealed in June of 1971 for an extension of one year and at that time we gave her an extension of five months to carry her to the end of December. At that time she only asked to be extended until July of 1972. We gave her until December, 1971. Now she is

back asking for December, 1972. Again, the Office of Finance recommends against it, sort of reminding us that they did the last time, too. And the DDS concurs in that recommendation and I'm afraid I don't see any good basis for this. Charlie, do you?

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Isn't that the one the Director asked about anyway?

MR. FISHER: It was more Col. White. He wanted to know how come we took this one to December. I then answered him with this reply - (Mr. Fisher reading routing sheet dated 18 June 1971 which is attached to this transcript.) We almost had to explain why we gave her that much.

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He didn't disagree with that, did he?

MR. FISHER: No, he understood once he read it. Do we have a motion for disapproval?

. . . This motion was then seconded and passed . . .

MR. FISHER: That wraps up the formal agenda. I do have one added starter.

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Col. White did. We sent up with a request that his extension be disapproved for about six months and Bill asked me why did we take that hard-nosed approach? He asked me in writing -- White usually would just call me up and we would talk about it. Anyway, I wrote an answer to him but I didn't sign it and I carried it up. I felt that the less policy we get in writing

Incidentally, I don't know if would agree with me but

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He asked me in writing and so I quoted (him) as saying this is very persuasive Se, okay, I go along with our turning it down. I said that normally if there is no operational need we won't approve it and if it's

on all of these the better and he agreed.

compassionate, but it's nothing more than what the man's known for the last

20 years -- sending the kids through college and that sort of thing -- about
the only time we do something is when there is a current type of emergency something unexpected and which you are unable to plan for. He needed time
to decide where he would move. His kid was going to college. That is

really (auspice) because we gave him an 18 month extension.

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On the heels of that was a who requested a five month extension which we approved. There was a very thin line between the two.

-- the Board might recall the case if I say she had had her grandchildren with her and her daughter was getting set up and she needed a few months to get straightened out. So we decided, "Well, let's carry her to the end of the year," and we gave her five months.

Then Bill called me and he said, on

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how do I take both of these together into the Director?" Well, you have got to take the whole package. I said, "I still think there is something current in her problem and not so much with his." I couldn't argue Civil Service. He then wrote me this memorandum. (Mr. Fisher then read memorandum.) The Director stated that he wants to stick as close as possible to the regulations but that he also wants to have some leniency in appropriate cases. It really boiled down to the fact that the extensions requested were only for five and six months, respectively. He felt that this was very little

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swing in policy.

And he approved both?

MR. FISHER: Col. White said, "Heavens!" — you know. He is two first change in policy."

concerned that this not get out as sort of a -- and of course Bill said, "Let's not have a swing in policy." In other words, for good and faithful service you'll get it. It might be dangerous. Nevertheless, it does show that on

to ask for and consequently good ground for leniency. He doesn't want a

the right day, at the right time, the Director will go along with one of these.

At the same time, he'll shoot it back and say, "What's going on and why did we extend it?"

I do have one more case here and time is of the essence here because he is to retire in November. And this is a man who is past age 60, but it's rather an unusual case. And I, at least, after some study, asked Ben to sort of dig in and was persuaded that it's actually a reasonable case. Let's see how you all feel about it.

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When you say past age 60, do you mean 80? (Laughter.)

MR. FISHER: No, 79. (Laughter.) He's really 61. Sometime back when he was considered for designation as a participant he had only ll years of credible service for retirement purposes and it seems to me that understandable that he didn't want becomes to me that it was therefore, although qualified -- he had the necessary numbers of years of overseas service. As a matter of fact, he's loaded with overseas service. But he only had ll years of credible service. If that had (applied) he would have had to retire at age 60 with a very minimal number of years.

Subsequently, this law was passed about the credible service for this whole contract time when you are under social security, which suddenly gave him about 20 years of service and changed the ball game ILLEGIB significantly. That happened in March of 1971 and he was advised that this was now approved as credible service for retirement purposes. At that point he was still overseas and he got back here, and now along about -- when did he actually get back?

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About two months ago.

MR. FISHER: On the 14th of October they finally put all the facts together and said they would now like to get him in the System. So, I'm saying, "Are there extenuating circumstances here of why he did not get

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in when he was first offered?" And it seems to me the difference between Il and 20 years of credible service -- if he had Il years it was reasonable to assume that he would like to work two more years to age 62. Once that was done you could say, why did he stall from March until October? But he was over in ______ and really what happens - when they turned him down it was December - the annual call-up. The next call-up would be this December. There is no reason for each component being able to stay entirely on top of each individual case. So, stalling two months, three months or so just didn't seem to o bad to me.

I'm completely neutral on this case and I'm ready to hear from you.

Does anybody have any trouble with this?

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MR. FISHER: The minute he is put in. November.

The circumstances are entirely different.

MR. FISHER: I see it as different.

MR. FISHER: He had no way of knowing he was going to get credit for all that service.

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No. That was a public law of last year.

MR. FISHER: It took quite a bit of time for us to play around with it. He was overseas. I'm surprised he found out as early as March. Then he came back and acted as soon as he came back to Headquarters.

Now, obviously, I'm not trying to whitewash it completely. He would be about ready to go out at age 62 anyway. He's coming out of it pretty well, but it seems legitimate to me to see that this big change in credible service was quite a factor. Anyway, I think I can convince Col. White of a this.

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I recommend approval. 25X1A9a This motion was then seconded and passed . . . 25X1A9a That doesn't go upstairs at all. Well, do I have authority to waive it? MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a To waive the age? I don't feel that I do. I'm not sure. I'll take MR. FISHER: What do you think, Counsellor? a look at the regulations. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a case ILLEGIB I was looking at with the same thing in mind (laughter), but I don't think you do. this more carefully. If I take it to Col. White I have a feeling Okay. MR. FISHER: he may run it by the Director. I don't know. I view it as part of the designation process, 25X1A9a which is part of the Board authority to you. Don't you see it that way? 25X1A9a No. You all realize that in there I have the right to make MR. FISHER: the determination on domestic qualifying service. That's spelled out very clearly. I'm the final word on that. As Col. White puts it, if those deputies got to know that you were the final word, you would be badgered to death. Which is why he acts as a backstop. 25X1A9a (Reading from the regulations.) What does it say under the age 60 thing? MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a You approve his retirement. Mandatory retirements don't go to the Director. The man must be retired at age 60.

If you put him in he's automatically retired. 25X1A9a No, I'm thinking this is a waiver to the age 60, only. MR. FISHER: Does it say that changes to this would have to be approved by the Director? 25X1A9a No, in order to qualify -- over here it says you have the right. I'll wait to hear from you, Dick. I'm just as happy MR. FISHER: if you find that I have this authority. 25X1A9a The last one was a domestic service case so --It was a package, really. MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a 25X1A9a I would be happy to have both, but at least in my MR. FISHER: own mind I'd be thinking of going upstairs on a waiver to this. I have all the delegations necessary to run this System except those specifically exempted. Extension spells out the Director will approve extensions. But this is just one of the criteria for getting into the System. 25X1A9a It's an absolute criteria. It doesn't give any-have it. You want to take a longer look at it? MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a Yes. 25X1A9a On age it says to be at least 25 years of age. --You are still working with an old regulation. MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a

of age and qualifying service - age, length of service, and qualifying service

And you are waiving all the time the requirement

just like the one we had. You say hold it for a while. Technically on the (15th day) of his anniversary, out he goes. It is part of the designation process.

MR. FISHER: Let's wait until our Legal Advisor thinks about it.

Incidentally, I just wrote a final version of an involuntary/voluntary on an Agency-wide basis - that it is hereby extended to 30 June. And Col. White carried it without batting an eye. I was almost ready to say, June 1973" and he said, "No, 1972."

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It has it's purpose of hooking it about six months at a time. We just have got to. I was wondering if you were going to ever get to it or not - put it out or what.

MR. FISHER:

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who wanted to leave in February or something. I don't think DDP was in trouble with this anyway. Only those that truely have a surplus is how tould act on present Delice.

I want to be sure you all understand. As I told

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You are suggesting that he hold up this publication for another month?

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I didn't suggest anything like that. We have been dating this thing

MR. FISHER: Well, this time I didn't put a date down. We just said "extended to 30 June". I think it's fair to give them that much planning time.

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We are getting cases going into the second six months.

Are you noticing an indication of people maybe not fighting the 60 years, but

about two days before then all of a sudden they go running down to the Medics and then get held on?

MR. FISHER: Certainly. More than there was.

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Is there a trend this way?

MR. FISHER: So much so that we changed this notice and asked them to get there six to nine months ahead of time.

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Six to nine months ahead of time.

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You mean on the physical?

MR. FISHER: Not by notice. It's pone of these Retirement Affairs issuances. It's not going to correct everything but it started on the basis of one of those things saying why don't you go get yourself a physical? If they didn't get down to Retirement Affairs they said, "Gee, we didn't know that." And some of them are legitimate.

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I wonder if it would be advisable to have exit physicals.

MR. FISHER: About the only ones that will help are the honest ones who really want to get a physical before they leave. The guy who is sitting and conniving will get around anything we put out.

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What brought this up was He's on sick leave pending disability retirement now. He didn't even have a cough or anything.

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MR. FISHER: You mean he's trying to get a disability retirement?

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You see, these people get a year or two of sick leave.

I'm not saying it isn't legal, but you know, we figure on him leaving and all

of a sudden he doesn't -- we say we can do "X" number of things and then --

You know, this is a little solace, that you don't MR. FISHER: have to count them in your headroom, when he is on sick leave. 25X1A9a When his disability has been approved you don't have to carry him on your count. 25X1A9a But while it is pending, you do. It's a tough one. I don't know how you stop it. MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a who was a Professional Personnel Officer, told me that there are many agencies where anyone hardly ever leaves without using their sick leave first. It's not credible of full pay. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a You get your credit and the full pay. I read about the Police Department that everyone who left first used up all their sick leave. I'd hate to see it become a way of life. I was just wondering if it shows more and more 25X1A9a as it goes along. It could be an angle. I assume he's gotten a letter from a doctor saying MR. FISHER: he's sick. 25X1A9a He has been in the process for a while now. Mr. Fisher, we have a problem on meeting dates again. Two weeks' from now is Thanksgiving Day. 25X1A9a It is? 25X1A9a get in touch with you? (Speaking to MR. FISHER: 25X1A9a

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You asked me to call him. Have you already been in touch with Dr. Tietjen?

MR. FISHER: Yes. And I talked to Chick and told him you would be in touch with him to give him the date. What do we do?

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I don't have hardly anything.

MR. FISHER: You don't? Well, whatever you all want. We could make it Friday after Thanksgiving, although there is a lot of people who may take the day off.

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How about the following week?

MR. FISHER: We might be able to make it that following Thursday, and then skip to get it back on cycle. Can you make it the one following that week? That's just Tietjen.

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Make it ● 2 December? You mean 2 December?

Three weeks from now?

MR. FISHER: Right. And then if the calendar is still pretty slow, either that or we take the week after and get back on cycle.

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I think you have to because the next one is too close to Christmas.

MR. FISHER: Will you tell Chick that the next meeting is Thanks-giving and so we are going to have it the following week?

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Yes. You also wanted me to call and see how an administrator reacts and can he reverse and that sort of thing.

. . . The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. . . .

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- A memorandum was forwarded to Subject informing 25 February 1966 him of his non-eligibility for designation as a participant in the CIA Retirement and Disability System. STATINTL - A memorandum was forwarded to the Office of Security April 1966 Office which requested that from the STATINTL be reviewed four employees, including for participation in CIARDS based on domestic qualifying service. (Action on this request was delayed by the Office of Security pending a decision on a test case, which was resolved in September 1966.) - Subject initialed a copy of a memorandum which advised 5 August 1966 him that he would be expected to retire in September 1971, at age 62. 1 November 1968 - An internal Office of Security memorandum recommended that action be taken on the designation of Subject for participation in CIARDS. A hand-written note on the 1 November 1968 memorandum 20 March 1969 stated that Subject had seen the retirement people and did not wish his request processed. - Upon refusal by Subject to sign a retirement application, 30 August 1971 the Director of Personnel forwarded a registered letter to him informing him that he was being considered for separation from the Agency to be effective 29 September 1971. This letter cited Section 102(c) of the National Security Act of 1947 as the authority for this action. 7 September 1971 - Subject forwarded a memorandum to the Director of Personnel outlining the factors which he felt were peculiar to his situation and stating that no matter when he retired he intended to pursue and assert his claim for designation as a participant in CIARDS.

	which urged him to submit his request for consideration for participation in CIARDS. This letter also advised Subject that D/Pers had concluded that the termination of Subject's employment should be recommended to the Director of Central Intelligence. This letter further notified subject that he could, within ten days from receipt of the letter, file a written appeal with the Director
23 September 1971	- Subject submitted a memorandum requesting that he be designated as a participant in CIARDS based on domestic qualifying service. This 88 page memorandum outlined Subject's service with the Office of Security from September 1956 until June 1967, and with an Office of Special Projects facility from June 1967 to the present. The Director

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15 September 1971 - The Director of Personnel forwarded a letter to Subject

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- Subject was advised that he would be carried on the rolls pending consideration of his request for designation as a participant in CIARDS, as well as final determination of his status by the Director.

of Security stated that he considered the service from 1956 until 1967 to be qualifying. The Deputy Director for Support did not concur in the position stated by the

- 7 October 1971
- Request for designation as a participant in CIARDS considered by the CIA Retirement Board (See 7 October 1971 minutes). The Board recommended that not be approved for participation in CIARDS.
- 26 October 1971
- The Executive Secretary, CIA Retirement Board forwarded the attached letter to Subject stating the tentative conclusion of the Board. This letter was received by Subject on 30 October 1971.
- 7 November 1971 Subject submitted the attached memorandum in reply to the letter of 26 October 1971. This memorandum was received by the Executive Secretary on 9 November 1971.